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GROUP TRIP TO ROMANIA

REF: A) STATE 163347; B) BUCHAREST 2888

1. HAVING NOW MET WITH STEFAN BURCA AND ASSOCIATES TO REVIEW BURCA'S TRIP TO U.S. AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE'S PREPAREDNESS TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURE-RELATED PROJECTS IN DETAILED MANNER, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT VISIT BY INTER-AGENCY TEAM WOULD PROBABLY BE MOST FRUITFUL IN OCTOBER. WE DO NOT HOWEVER EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF AUGUST VISIT.

2. MINISTRY'S POSITION BASICALLY IS THAT PROJECTS SUITABLE FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN ANNEX III (AGRIBUSINESS COOPERATION) OF JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE. ROMANIAN DRAFT OF THAT ANNEX IS TO BE RECEIVED BY END OF JULY. BASED ON COMMENTS MADE DURING MEETING WITH BURCA EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT ANNEX WILL ADDRESS ITSELF MAINLY TO JOINT VENTURES. JOINT VENTURES ARE NOT ONLY FORM OF PARTICIPATION TO BE ENVISIONED,
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EMBASSY BELIEVES; PERHAPS NOT EVEN MAIN FORM. BUT

GIVEN THE ROMANIAN PREFERENCE, WE SHOULD SEE IF THEIR
APPROACH SEEMS WORKABLE BEFORE TAKING A DIFFERENT
TACK. IF THE ROMANIAN APPROACH APPEARS REALISTIC AND
THE END-JULY DEADLINE IS RESPECTED, TRIP IN AUGUST
WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AS MEANS OF CAPITALIZING ON
MICULESCU'S SEPTEMBER VISIT TO U.S. IF HOWEVER
FIRST ROMANIAN EFFORT AT IDENTIFYING AGRIBUSINESS
POSSIBILITIES FALLS SHORT, THEN VISIT AFTER
MICULESCU'S RETURN IN OCTOBER WOULD BE GOOD WAY
TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON RESULTS OF AGRIBUSINESS SEMINAR.
WILL ADVISE DEVELOPMENTS.
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